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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SIGUR FROM AMBASSADOR LILLEY
 E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PGOV, PREL, KS, US
 SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH KIM YOUNG-SAM
 REF: A) SEOUL 5615; B) STATE 147865; C) FKS 17756, 17755,
 17752, 17739, 17726

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. WE DECIDED ON MAY 14 BEFORE WE HAD RECEIVED REF A SUMMONS TO MOFA ON POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE RDP THAT I WOULD ACCEPT KIM YOUNG SAM'S LUNCHEON INVITATION AND MEET KYS EARLY NEXT WEEK. WE DEBATED WHETHER I SHOULD CALL ON KIM AT CPD HEADQUARTERS IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEWEST AND LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY (IT HAS BEEN PRECEDENT THAT THE AMBASSADOR CALL ON EACH MAJOR PARTY LEADER AT HIS OFFICE AND I HAD ALREADY CALLED ON ROH TAE WOO, LEE MIN WOO, LEE MAN SUP JUST AFTER MY ARRIVAL.) THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN ORDER BUT SEEMED LESS CONFRONTATIONAL TO THE GOVERNMENT AND WOULD ACHIEVE THE SAME PURPOSE IF I RESPONDED TO KIM'S INVITATION TO LUNCH. IT IS NOW SET FOR MAY 19 AT A DOWNTOWN HOTEL. A/POLCOUNS AND POLOFF/INTERPRETER WILL ACCOMPANY ME. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, KIM WILL COME ALONE.
3. THIS SHOULD GIVE A SIGNAL THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEW OPPOSITION PARTY (RDP) LEADER BUT WILL NOT PLUNGE US INTO THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE NEW PARTY'S STATUS AND KDJ'S ROLE

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BY MY GOING TO CPD HEADQUARTERS, FROM WHICH THE RDP IS STILL OPERATING. (KYS AND THE RDP HAVE NOT YET FOUND A PARTY HEADQUARTERS LOCATION.)

4. AT LEAST ON ONE POINT THE RDP PLATFORM DOES NOT SEEM INCONSISTENT WITH PAST GOVERNMENT POLICY. THE RDP CLAIMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN AGREEING TO THE JULY 4, 1972, JOINT STATEMENT WITH PYONGYANG, PUT REUNIFICATION OVER ANY SYSTEM OR IDEOLOGY, AND THAT ITS PLATFORM STATEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 1972 DOCUMENT. THE PLATFORM SAYS:

"NATIONAL UNIFICATION SHOULD BE THE FOREMOST NATIONAL OBJECTIVE TRANSCENDING POLITICAL IDEOLOGY AND SYSTEM. IN THIS REGARD, ANY INSTITUTIONS OR PRACTICES STANDING IN THE WAY OF NATIONAL UNIFICATION SHOULD BE DISMANTLED."

THE 1972 JOINT DECLARATION READS: "THIRD, A GREAT NATIONAL UNITY, AS A HOMOGENEOUS PEOPLE, SHALL BE SOUGHT FIRST, TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES IN IDEAS, IDEOLOGIES, AND SYSTEMS."

5. I AM HAVING LUNCH WITH CARDINAL STEPHEN KIM ON MAY 15 AT THE RESIDENCE.

6. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED REF B TALKING POINTS AND WILL DELIVER THEM TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHOI AT 1030 HOURS OUR TIME ON 16 MAY.

7. THE KOREANS WILL NOT BE RECEPTIVE TO THEM AND WILL ARGUE EACH ONE OF THE THREE PREMISES, I.E., THE OPPOSITION THROUGH ITS ADAMANT AND INFLEXIBLE POSITION OVER A YEAR OF FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS AND BOYCOTT CAUSED CHUN TO STOP THE TALKS; KDJ IS BEING PROTECTED FROM HIMSELF--IF HE IS LET OUT, HE WILL POLITICIZE AND WILL THEN HAVE TO BE PUT IN JAIL; THE OPPOSITION HAS CHALLENGED THE SECURITY OF THE STATE IN ITS PLATFORM. THIS IS IMPERMISSIBLE IN THIS "DEMOCRACY" UNDER ITS OWN LAWS. THE HARASSMENT OF THE RDP HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY DISGRUNTLED NKDP MEMBERS. THE POLICE ROLE WAS TO "PROTECT" THE RDP. NEVERTHELESS, I WILL DELIVER THEM AS INSTRUCTED. THERE IS SOME MURDEROUS UNREST HERE--FKS REPORTS DESCRIBE IT IN REF C--IT IS NOT ALL ATTRIBUTABLE TO CHUN'S APRIL 13 DECISION. THE GOVERNMENT FEARS A LARGE GAP BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SEOUL IS OPENING UP. THEY EXPLAIN THEY HAVE TAKEN NO LEGAL ACTION YET--THEY ARE MOVING DELIBERATELY AND CAREFULLY. AS YET WE HAVE LITTLE EVIDENCE THEY WILL ACT AGAINST KYS PERSONALLY.

8. WE NEED TO LAY DOWN MARKERS BUT WE NEED TO CRAFT OUR LANGUAGE SO THAT WE DO NOT PRODUCE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT. I AM ALSO CONCERNED LEST EVIDENCE OF TENSION BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SEOUL ENCOURAGE THE RDP INTO AN EVEN MORE RECKLESSLY CONFRONTATIONAL STANCE, AND I WILL URGE ON KYS HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE, MODERATE LEADERSHIP. LILLEY##

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